

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and further and favorable reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, are respectfully requested.

The Office Action indicates that the allowability of claims 13 and 14 has been withdrawn in view of newly cited references. To expedite prosecution in the present application, and not to acquiesce to the Examiner's rejection, claims 13 and 14 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to any of the canceled subject matter.

The application now contains claims 15 and 16 which have been indicated as allowable. Claim 16 has been amended to correct an obvious error.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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